

REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 11-13 are in the application. The direction of Claims 7-9 to allowable subject matter, except for dependence on a rejected parent claim, is noted.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection of Claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 101 on the ground of double patenting and not to apply this rejection to the claims now in the application.

The Examiner is further respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection of Claim 11 and 12 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, and not to apply this rejection to the claims now in the application.

It is believed that both grounds of statutory rejection have been overcome by the redefinition of group X in a manner finding clear support in the application and distinguishing the claimed cyclic systems from the aromatic systems which are the subject matter of the applicants' prior U.S. Patent 4,282,239.

Thus, the bicyclic systems encompassed within the definition of group X are limited to those of Examples 6 and 7 of the application. Clearly, the cyclic systems now involved are distinguished from those in the earlier patent having a phenyl ring component in the polycyclic systems.

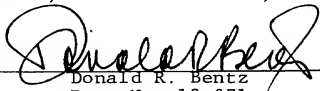
Further, questions concerning starting materials and the like for the bicyclic systems of new Claim 13 are overcome by reference to Examples 6 and 7 in the application.

In view of the amendments and arguments above, favorable reconsideration of Claims 11-13, allowance of these claims, and passage of this application to issue with Claims 7-9 and 11-13 are solicited.

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